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September 19

City Council Appeal
Final Project Hearing

Head-Royce School

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Head-Royce South Campus Plan

PROJECT UPDATE

After years of thoughtful input gathered from community stakeholders, the South Campus Plan was unanimously approved by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the Oakland Planning Commission this past Spring. Despite the school's efforts to proactively address concerns and find solutions, a small group of opponents have filed an appeal of the South Campus Plan's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Planned Unit Development (PUD) permit. The Oakland City Council will now render a final decision on the project during their September 19 City Council meeting.

The South Campus Plan represents a transformative opportunity to create a cutting-edge instructional environment designed for the future of education that will not only benefit the Head-Royce School, but also the broader Oakland community. Now, we need your help to get us over the finish line.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- What:** Oakland City Council Meeting
When: Tuesday, September 19, 4:00 pm
Where: In-person at Council Chambers
Oakland City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
and virtually via Zoom

This will be the final project hearing. If the City Council approves the plan, construction will finally start this fall. **Please make your voice heard!**

Send a letter of support,
sign up to speak, and help
bring this vision into reality!

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SOUTH CAMPUS SITE (BUILDING PLAN)



PROJECT TIMELINE

In 2018, Head-Royce School launched an exciting initiative to expand its campus by eight acres and develop a state-of-the-art, multi-dimensional instructional environment designed for the future of education.

After years of community and stakeholder input, the City of Oakland released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed Head-Royce School South Campus Plan for public comment in 2021. This independent analysis was developed by the City and a team of environmental consultants and found that all project impacts can be reduced to a level of “less than significant” with standard conditions of approval and mitigation measures. The city hosted two public hearings at the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission in 2021 before the public comment period closed in December 2021.

The plan’s lengthy Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was released in February 2023 and reaffirmed that the project’s impacts would be “less than significant.” The Head-Royce South Campus Plan went before the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on March 6, where it received unanimous support to move forward.

On April 19, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to certify the project’s FEIR and grant project approval. The project was subsequently appealed, a common occurrence for real estate projects in California, and is now headed to the Oakland City Council’s September 19 meeting for final review and discussion.

SOUTH CAMPUS PROJECT FACTS

- Renovation of three historical buildings, transforming them into 25,000 square feet of new K-12 classroom space featuring a STEM Center, maker labs, huddle rooms, a welcome center, and a community collaboration hub.
- Development of a two-lane loop driveway inside the south side of campus to facilitate student pick-up/drop off and ease traffic on Lincoln Avenue.
- Addition of eight acres of wooded areas with mature trees and inviting open spaces that will facilitate extensive outdoor learning opportunities.
- Utilization of modern fire protection systems and fire-resistant materials in the construction of new and renovated buildings.
- Continuation of the South Campus site’s long-standing use as a school and hub for youth services.
- Construction of a new 12,000 square foot Performing Arts Center.

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